end of the Eighth Plan in which less than 10 per cent of the outlay has been spent should be separately identified for shelving/dropping or transferring to the private/joint sectors.

CGHS Facilities

2294. SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a policy of the Union Government to provide CGHS facilities atleast at one place in all the States and Union Territories as well as in all the State capitals;

(b) if so, the policy of the Government about the opening of CGHS dispensaries/Hospitals under the administrative control of Union Government in various parts of the country;

(c) whether CGHS facilities are not available at present in the Union Territory of Chandigarh;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which the CGHS facilities are likely to be made available in the Union Territory of Chandigarh

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) to (e) As per current policy, CGHS is in the first instance to be extended to State Capitals depending on the feasibility, requirements, fulfilment of the CGHS norms, and availability of resources.

The city of Chandigarh has been proposed for inclusion for coverage in the Ninth Five Year Plan.

[Translation]

Labour Welfare Scheme

2295. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULESTE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any rules have been formulated to safeguard the interests of the labourers/workers engaged in medium industries in the countries;

(b) if so, whether medical and insurance facilities are available to the labourers/workers in said industries;

(c) whether the said rules are being followed in the medium industries located in Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the action taken against such industries which are violating the rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the house.

Payment of Provident Fund

2296. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA :
SHRI HARADHAN ROY :
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases for the payment of Provident Fund are lying pending;

(b) if so, the number thereof as on date, State-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for early settlement of Provident Fund and Pension cases including Sitapur Plywood Limited (Sitapur), Damodar Enterprises Limited, Bengal Paper Mill Company Limited and Ajoy Glass Works (located in Raniganj)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The EPF Claims complete in all respects are required to be settled within 30 days from the date of its receipt in the EPF Office. However, sometime settlement of PF claim is delayed because of submission of incomplete application forms, non-submission of returns by the employer, difference in signature etc. A Statement showing pending PF claims State-wise is enclosed.

(c) In order to provide prompt service to the subscribers a massive computerisation programme has been launched in the EPF Organisation. A Central Action Plan has also been formulated for regular monitoring of settlement of PF Claims. The grievances redressal Machinery in the EPF Organisation has been strengthened and reactivated so as to ensure early settlement of PF Claims.

Statement

Pending PF Claims as on 31.3.97

Name of the Region.	No. of Claims.
1	2
Andhra Pradesh	118
Bihar	1638
Delhi	497
Gujarat	14190
Haryana	1722
Karnataka	3826